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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT: Invitation to Address the National
Conservative Foundation

1. Action Requested: Accept or decline the invitation to be a "leading spokesman" on one of the panels at the National Defense Briefing in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the National Conservative Foundation.

STAT 2. Background: [redacted] National Chairman of the National Conservative Foundation, has requested that you be a "leading spokesman" on one of the panels which will deal with CIA at the National Defense Briefing sponsored by the National Conservative Foundation, 17-18 November. The briefing will be a high-level, off-the-record conference. President Reagan, Vice President Bush, Ambassadors Kirkpatrick, Lichenstein, the Joint Chief of Staff and leaders of the House and Senate have also been asked to speak at the conference. According to [redacted] he is attempting to put together major defense contractors, as well as conservative grass roots leaders with the top spokesmen of this Administration and the Congress. The topic of the conference will be "what steps our government needs to take in order to strengthen the defenses of this nation and the Free World."

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According to the Encyclopedia of Associations and as you are probably aware, the National Conservative Foundation is a tax-exempt research arm of the National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC). This committee is made up of political conservatives seeking to replace liberal politicians with conservatives in office. It is unaffiliated with either the Democratic or Republican parties. The NCPAC offers candidates such services as polling, research, campaign management training, advice to the media, etc. The committee also works in state elections, both legislative and gubernatorial, which enables it to directly affect important issues being decided by state legislators.



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3. Recommendation: Decline; this organization has strong domestic political overtones. You may wish to inform the National Conservative Foundation of your decision on this invitation by a personal phone call.

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Attachments

ACCEPT INVITATION:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

DECLINE INVITATION:

/s/

Director of Central Intelligence

10/17/83

Date

*per conversation with
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